# City Encourages Recycling of Christmas Trees



#### **News Release**

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(Longview, TX) Rather than send trees to the landfill after the holiday, the City of Longview encourages residents to give their real Christmas trees new purpose as compost or fish habitats. Residents may drop off Christmas trees at three locations from Wednesday, December 26 through Friday, January 11. The drop-off locations are McWhorter Park, 1000 Toler Rd.; Stamper Park, 400 Fair St.; or the Compost Site, 280 Hearne Rd., during open hours.

Christmas trees left for curbside pickup will not be recycled. When dropping off trees for recycling, residents are asked to remove all decorations from trees. Flocked trees will not be accepted.

According to Sanitation Manager Dwayne Archer, "We want to encourage the community to recycle as much as possible. Every year, we receive hundreds of Christmas trees to be recycled, but we would love to see that number grow. When residents recycle, whether it is cardboard, plastic, paper, yard waste, or a Christmas tree, we are able to divert more stuff away from the landfill."

As a reminder, throughout the year Longview residents may drop off yard waste at the City's Compost Site. Acceptable items include limbs, brush, leaves, grass clippings, and pine straw. The mulch and compost that is produced at the Compost Site is available at no charge to City of Longview residential solid waste customers with proof of residency such as a water bill. Compost Site regular hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The Compost Site will be closed for holidays on December 24 - 26, and January 1.

Please contact 903-237-1250 for more information about Longview's recycling programs or visit Sanitation.LongviewTexas.gov [2].

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